U.S. Department of Labor Office of Youth Opportunities (OYO) Youth Opportunity Grants (YOG) Technical Assistance Update

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The U.S. Department of Labor Office of Youth Services/Office of Youth Opportunities (OYO) brings you the Youth Opportunity Grant (YOG) Technical Assistance Update. On a bi-weekly basis, the update will provide important announcements and information for YOG sites, partners, and coaches.

Please let us know if these updates are useful to you and how it might be improved to better serve your needs. If you have information or items to contribute, or topics that you would like see covered, please contact Susan Rosenblum, Office of Youth Opportunities, at srosenblum@doleta.gov or (202) 693-3597.

We encourage you to forward these updates to your partners, staff, and others who are working with your site.

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Check Out NEW Office of Youth Services Web Site!

The Office of Youth Services has a new web site! The address is: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services.

The site provides a range of information and resources about both the Youth Opportunity Grants and the formula-funded youth programs under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). There are also links to Job Corps, School-to-Work, and the Apprenticeship Programs. Future plans include posting a "Youth Corner" that will highlight information and resources to help young people with career planning.

Please check out the site and let us know how we can develop it as a resource for the YO! sites. Please call or e-mail Susan Rosenblum at (202) 693-3597 or srosenblum@doleta.gov.

Memo on Outreach and Recruitment

All Youth Opportunity Grantees (YOG) are working hard to reach their goals for enrolling both inschool and out-of-school youth. Please review the attached memo, "Outreach and Recruitment Strategies," for examples of effective strategies to engage young people in your center's activities. You can download the memo in WordPerfect, MS Word, or Rich Text File (RTF).

Updated Youth Opportunities Grant Directory

We are attaching the updated contact information for all Youth Opportunity Grant sites. You can download the Directory in WordPerfect or Rich Text File (RTF). To download the Directory in MS Word, please go to: http://www.yomovement.org/yog-new/Library-List.asp.

Request for Information on Assessment

What instruments does your site use to assess literacy and basic skills, career interest, and vocational aptitude? Does anyone know of upcoming conferences on the topic?

Please forward any information to:

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NOTE: Please send us examples of what your YO! site is using for assessment. We can share the information on the Listserv and on the Youth Opportunity Grants page of the web site.